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If it pass'd only by the house of peers, it should be looked upon as invalid and void, and execution should be thereupon *forborn* or suspended. *Clarendon, b. viii.*

There is not any one action whatsoever which a man ought to do, or to *forbear*, but the Scripture will give him a clear precept or prohibition for it. *South's Sermons.*

3. To spare; to treat with clemency.

With all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, *forbearing* one another in love. *Eph. iv. 2.*

4. To withhold.

Forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. *2 Chro. xxxv. 21.*

FORBEARANCE. n. f. [from *forbear*.]

1. The care of avoiding or shunning any thing; negation of practice.

True nobleness would

Learn him *forbearance* from so foul a wrong. *Shakesp. R. III.*

This may convince us how vastly greater a pleasure is consequent upon the *forbearance* of sin, than can possibly accompany the commission of it. *South's Sermons.*

Liberty is the power a man has to do, or forbear doing, any particular action, according as its doing or *forbearance* has the actual preference in the mind. *Locke.*

2. Intermittion of something.

3. Command of temper.

Have a continent *forbearance*, 'till the speed of his rage goes slower. *Shakesp. Lear's King Lear.*

4. Lenity; delay of punishment; mildness.

Nor do I take notice of this instance of severity in our own country to justify such a proceeding, but only to display the mildness and *forbearance* made use of under the reign of his present majesty. *Addison's Freeholder, N^o. 52.*

He applies to our gratitude by obligations of kindness and beneficence, of long suffering and *forbearance*. *Rogers.*

FORBEARER. n. f. [from *forbear*.] An intermitter; inter-ceptor of anything.

The West as a father all goodness doth bring.

To *FORBID. v. a.* pret. *I forbode*; part. *forbidden* or *forbidd*. [forbodean, Saxon; *verbieden*, Dutch.]

1. To prohibit; to interdict any thing.

A witch, a quean, an old cozening quean; have I not *forbid* her my house? *Shakesp. Merry Wives of Windsor.*

By tasting of that fruit *forbid*,

Where they fought knowledge, they did error find. *Davies.*

The voice of reason, in all the dictates of natural morality, ought carefully to be attended to, by a strict observance of what it commands, but especially of what it *forbids*. *South.*

All hatred of persons, by very many Christian principles, we are most solemnly and indispensably *forbid*. *Spratt's Sermon.*

The chaste and holy race

Are all *forbidden* this polluted place. *Dryden's Æn. b. vi.*

2. To command to forbear any thing.

She with so sweet a rigour *forbad* him, that he durst not rebel. *Sidney, b. ii.*

It is the shameful work of Hubert's hand,

The practice and the purpose of the king,

From whose obedience *I forbid* my soul. *Shakesp. Lear.*

They have determined to consume all those things that God hath *forbidden* them to eat by his laws. *Judith xi. 12.*

3. To oppose; to hinder.

The moisture being *forbidden* to come up in the plant, stayeth longer in the root, and so dilate it. *Bacon's Nat. History.*

The plaister alone would pen the humour, and so exasperate it as well as *forbid* new humour. *Bacon's Natural History.*

Thy throne is darkness in th'abyss of light,

A blaze of glory that *forbids* the light!

O teach me to believe thee thus conceal'd,

And search no farther than thyself reveal'd. *Dryden.*

4. To accurse; to blast. Now obsolete. To *bid* is in old language to pray; to *forbid* therefore is to curse.

Sleep shall neither night nor day

Hang upon his penthouse lid;

He shall live a man *forbid*. *Shakesp. Lear's Macbeth.*

To *FORBID. v. n.* To utter a prohibition.

Now the good gods *forbid*,

That our renowned Rome

Should now eat up her own! *Shakesp. Lear's Coriolanus.*

FORBIDDANCE. n. f. [from *forbid*.] Prohibition; edict against any thing.

How hast thou yielded to transgress

The strict *forbiddance*! how to violate

The sacred fruit *forbidden*! *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ix.*

FORBIDDENLY. adv. [from *forbid*.] In an unlawful manner.

With all confidence he swears, as he had seen't,

That you have touch'd his queen *forbiddenly*. *Shakesp. Lear.*

FORBIDDER. n. f. [from *forbid*.] One that prohibits; one that enacts a prohibition.

This was a bold accusation of God, making the fountain of good the contriver of evil, and the *forbidder* of the crime an abettor of the fact prohibited. *Brown's Vul. Err.*

Other care, perhaps,

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May have diverted from continual watch

Our great *forbidder*! *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ix.*

FORBIDDING. participial adj. [from *forbid*.] Raising abhorrence; repelling approach; causing aversion.

Tragedy was made *forbidding* and horrible. *A. Hill.*

FORCE. n. f. [force, French; *fortis*, Latin.]

1. Strength; vigour; might; active power.

He never could maintain his part but in the *force* of his will. *Shakesp. Macb. Act about Nothing.*

2. Violence.

Thus got the house of Lancaster the crown,

Which now they hold by *force*, and not by right. *Sh. H. VI.*

The shepherd Paris bore the Spartan bride

By *force* away, and then by *force* enjoy'd; *Dryden.*

3. Virtue; efficacy.

Manifest it is, that the very majesty and holiness of the place where God is worshipped, hath, in regard of us, great virtue, *force* and efficacy; for that it serveth as a sensible help to stir up devotion. *Hooker, b. v. f. 16.*

No definitions, no suppositions of any sect, are of *force* enough to destroy constant experience. *Locke.*

4. Validness; power of law.

A testament is of *force* after men are dead. *Heb. ix. 17.*

Not long in *force* this charter stood;

Wanting that seal, it must be seal'd in blood. *Denham.*

5. Armament; warlike preparation. Often *forces* in the plural.

O Thou! whose captain I account myself,

Look on my *forces* with a gracious eye. *Shakesp. Richard III.*

The secret of the power of Spain consisteth in a veteran army, compounded of miscellany *forces* of all nations. *Lucan.*

A greater *force* than that which here we find,

Ne'er press'd the ocean, nor employ'd the wind. *Waller.*

Those victorious *forces* of the rebels were not able to sustain your arms. *Dryden.*

6. Destiny; necessity; fatal compulsion.

To *FORCE. v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To compel; to constrain.

Dangers are light, if they once seem light; and more dangers have deceived men than *forced* them. *Bacon.*

I have been *forced* to use the cant words of Whig and Tory. *Swift's Examiner.*

The actions and operations did *force* them upon dividing the single idea. *Pope's View of Epick Poem.*

2. To overpower by strength.

O that fortune

Had brought me to the field where thou art fam'd

To have wrought such wonders with an ass's jaw,

I should have *for'd* thee soon with other arms. *Milton.*

With fates averse, the rout in arms resort,

To *force* their monarch and insult the court. *Dryden's Æn.*

3. To impel; to press.

Thou shalt not destroy the trees by *forcing* an ax against them. *Deutr. 20. 19.*

4. To draw or push by main strength.

Stooping, the spear descended on his chine,

Just where the bone distinguish'd either loin:

It stuck so fast, so deeply bury'd lay,

That scarce the victor *for'd* the steel away. *Dryden's Æn.*

5. To enforce; to urge.

Three blust'ring nights, born by the southern blast,

I floated, and discover'd land at last:

High on a mounting wave my head I bore,

Forcing my strength, and gath'ring to the shore. *Dryd. Æn.*

6. To drive by violence or power.

This way of flattering their willing benefactors out of part, contrived another of *forcing* their unwilling neighbours out of all their possessions. *Deacy of Piet.*

To free the ports, and ope the Punick land

To Trojan guests; lest, ignorant of fate,

The queen might *force* them from her town and state. *Dryd.*

7. To gain by violence or power.

My heart was your's; but, oh! you left it here

Abandon'd to those tyrants hope and fear:

If they *for'd* from me one kind look or word,

Could you not that, nor that small part afford? *Dryden.*

8. To storm; to take or enter by violence.

Troy wall'd so high,

Atrides might as well have *for'd* the sky.

Heav'n from all ages wisely did provide

This wealth, and for the bravest nation hide;

Who with four hundred foot, and forty horse,

Dare boldly go a new-found world to *force*. *Dryd. Ind. Emp.*

9. To ravish; to violate by force.

Force her.—I like it not. *Dryden.*

10. To constrain; to distort; not to obtain naturally or with ease.

Our general taste in England is for epigram, turns of wit and forced conceits. *Addison's Spectator, N^o. 409.*

11. To man; to strengthen by soldiers; to garrison. *Here*

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Here let them lye,

'Till famine and the ague eat them up:

Were they not *for'd* with those that should be our's,

We might have met them dæful, beard to beard. *Shakesp.*

If you find that any great number of soldiers be newly sent into Oronoque, and that the passages be already *forced*,

then be well advis'd how you land. *Raleigh's Apology.*

11. To *FORCE out.* To extort.

The tricks used in convening synods might *force out* an expression from him, that did not carry all the respect due to those great names. *Atterbury.*

The heat of the dispute had *forced out* from him expressions that seem'd to make his doctrine run higher than really it did. *Atterbury.*

To *FORCE. v. n.* To lay stress upon. This word I have only found in the following passage.

That morning that he was to join battle with Harold, his armourer put on his backpiece before, and his breastplate behind; the which being epied by some that stood by, was taken among them for an ill token, and therefore advis'd him not to fight that day; to whom the duke answered, *I force* not of such fooleries; but if I have any skill in footfaying, as in foot I have none, it doth prognosticate that I shall change copy from a duke to a king. *Camd. u's Remains.*

FORCEDLY. adv. [from *force*.] Violently; constrainedly; unnaturally.

This foundation of the earth upon the waters doth most apply agree to that structure of the abyss and antediluvian earth; but very improperly and *forcedly* to the present form of the earth and the waters. *Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

FORCEFUL. adj. [force and full.] Violent; strong; driven with great might; impetuous.

Why, what need we

Commune with you of this, but rather follow

Our *forceful* indignation? *Shakesp. Winter's Tale.*

Against the steel he threw

His *forceful* spear, which, hissing as it flew,

Pierc'd through the yielding planks. *Dryden's Æn.*

Were it by chance, or *forceful* destiny,

Which forms in causes first what'er shall be,

Assil'd by a friend, one moonless night,

This Palamon from prison took his flight. *Dryden.*

He pois'd in air, the jav'lin sent,

Through Paris' shield the *forceful* weapon went. *Pope.*

FORCEFULLY. adv. [from *forceful*.] Violently; impetuously.

FORCELESS. adj. [from *force*.] Without force; weak; feeble; impotent.

FORCEPS. n. f. [Latin.]

Forceps properly signifies a pair of tongs; but is used for an instrument in chirurgery, to extract any thing out of wounds, and the like occasions. *Quincy.*

FORCER. n. f. [from *force*.]

1. That which forces, drives, or constrains.

2. The embolus of a pump working by pulsion, in contradistinction to a sucker, which acts by attraction.

The usual means for the ascent of water is either by suckers or *forcers*. *Wilkins's Dædalus.*

FORCIBLE. adj. [from *force*.]

1. Strong; mighty; opposed to weak.

That punishment, which hath been sometimes *forcible* to bridle sin, may grow afterwards too weak and feeble. *Hooker.*

2. Violent; impetuous.

3. Efficacious; active; powerful.

Sweet smells are most *forcible* in dry substances, when broken; and so likewise in oranges, the ripping of their rind giveth out their smell more. *Bacon's Natural History.*

4. Prevalent; of great influence.

God hath assured us, that there is no inclination or temptation so *forcible* which our humble prayers and desires may not frustrate and break asunder. *Raleigh's Hist. of the World.*

Jersey, belov'd by all; for all must feel

The influence of a form and mind,

Where comely grace and constant virtue dwell,

Like mingl'd streams, more *forcible* when join'd:

Jersey shall at thy altars stand,

Shall there receive the azure band. *Prior.*

5. Done by force.

The abdication of king James, the advocates on that side look upon to have been *forcible* and unjust, and consequently void. *Swift.*

6. Valid; binding; obligatory.

FORCIBLENESS. n. f. [from *forcible*.] Force; violence.

FORCIBLY. adv. [from *forcible*.]

1. Strongly; powerfully.

The Gospel offers such considerations as are fit to work very *forcibly* upon two of the most swaying and governing passions in the mind, our hopes and our fears. *Tillotson.*

2. Impetuously.

3. By violence; by force.

He himself with greedy great desire

Into the castle enter'd *forcibly*. *Fairy Queen, b. i. cant. 8.*

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The taking and carrying away of women *forcibly*, and against their will, except female wards and bondwomen, was made capital. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

His doctrine brings us down to the level of horse and mule, whose mouths are *forcibly* holden with bit and bridle. *Hammi.*

FORCIPATED. adj. [from *forceps*.] Formed like a pair of pincers to open and inclose.

The locusts have antennæ, or long horns before, with a long falcation or *forcipated* tail behind. *Brown's Vulgar Err.*

When they have seized their prey, they will so tenaciously hold it with their *forcipated* mouth, that they will not part therewith, even when taken out of the waters. *Derham.*

FORD. n. f. [forb, Saxon, from *foran*, to pass.]

1. A shallow part of a river when it may be pass'd without swimming.

Her men the paths rode through made by her sword;

They pass the stream, when she had found the *ford*. *Fairfax.*

2. It sometimes signifies the stream, the current, without any consideration of passage or shallowness.

Medusa with Gorgonian terror guards

The *ford*, and of itself the water flies

All taste of living wight. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ii.*

Rife, wretched widow! rife; nor undeplor'd

Permit my ghost to pass the Stygian *ford*:

But rife, prepar'd in black to mourn thy peris'd lord. *Dry.*

To *FORD. v. a.* [from the noun.] To pass without swimming.